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For: NEW SUPERCONDUCTIVE COMPOUNDS HAVING HIGH TRANSITION TEMPERATURE, AND METHODS FOR THEIR USE AND PREPARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 30, 1998, please consider the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Amended) A [superconductive] superconducting apparatus comprising a composition having a transition temperature greater than 26°K, the composition including a rare earth or near rare earth-like element, a transition metal element capable of exhibiting multivalent states and oxygen, including at least one phase that exhibits superconductivity at temperature in excess of 26°K means for maintaining said composition at said temperature to exhibit said superconductivity and means for passing an electrical superconducting current through said composition while exhibiting said superconductivity.